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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CONSCRIPTION PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY. WEATHER POSED THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR THE CONSCRIPTION/RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN AT THE END OF THE WEEK AS TWO DAYS OF LOW CLOUDS IMPEDED THE MOVEMENT OF RECRUITS BY AIR TO THE SOSOPHON AND REAM TRAINING CENTERS AND PROLONGED CROWDED CONDITIONS AT THE PHNOM PENH RECEPTION CENTER. AN AVERAGE OF 118 RECRUITS PER DAY WERE NEVERTHELESS RECEIVED OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS BRINGING THE TOTAL TO DATE TO 8567. END SUMMARY.

2. BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 17 THE FANK RECEPTION CENTER HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 8,567 NEW RECRUITS, BORKEN DOWN AS 8,313 VOLUNTEERS AND 1,254 CONSCRIPTS. THE FINAL COUNT FOR NOVEMBER 15 WAS 96, FOR NOVEMBER 16, 106 AND FOR NOVEMBER 17, 152.

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3. CROWDED CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM THE BACKLOG OF RECRUITS AWAITING AIR TRANSPORT TO THE REAM AND SISOPHON TRAINING CENTERS CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM AT THE RECEPTION CENTER. ALTHOUGH C-123S WERE STANDING BY TO MOVE RECRUITS, POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS YESTERDAY AND TODAY LIMITED THE LIFT TO ONLY 186 (BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RECRUITS TRANSPORTED TO SISOPHON SINCE THE CAMPAIGN BEGAN TO 174 AND REAM TO 399). ACCORDING TO THE RECEPTION CENTER COMMANDER 1,379 RECRUITS WILL BE BEDDING DOWN AT THE CENTER AND ITS MAKESHIFT ANNEX TONIGHT.

4. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO VISITED THE CENTER YESTERDAY AND TODAY FOUND THE RECRUITS IN REASONABLY GOOD SPIRIT DESPITE THE FACT THAT MANY ARE SLEEPING ON THE GROUND IN AN OPEN BUT ROOFED AREA WITHOUT MATS OR BLANKETS, ARE SUFFERING FROM THE ABNORMALLY COOL, DAMP WEATHER, AND HAVE NO DIVERSIONS. THESE PROBLEMS WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES, AND THE FANK FIFTH BUREAU HAS ALREADY APPEARED ON THE SCENE WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

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